

May 12, 2010

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer Chairman Rules and Administration Committee United States Senate 305 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robert F. Bennett Ranking Member Rules and Administration Committee United States Senate 305 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Schumer and Ranking Member Bennett:

I write to request that the U.S. Senate Rules and Administration Committee consider including resources created by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) as part of the record for the May 5, 2010 hearing *Voting by Mail: An Examination of State and Local Experiences*.

EAC has conducted a considerable amount of research and issued best practices about voting by mail, and attached are three examples of EAC's work in this area: the 2008 Election Administration and Voting Survey, Election Management Guidelines Chapter 7: Absentee Voting and Vote by Mail, and the Absentee Voting and Vote by Mail Quick Start Guide.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance, and thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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